

ACTION COMICS

THIS NEW PRISONER, CLARK KENT, IS THE TOUGHEST I'VE EVER SEEN! SINCE WE PUT HIM IN SOLITARY, A WEEK AGO, HE'S BEEN ON A HUNGER STRIKE! WE MUST FORCE HIM TO EAT, OR HE'LL STARVE!

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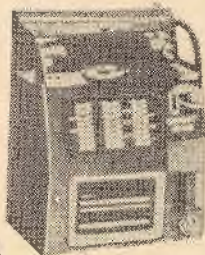
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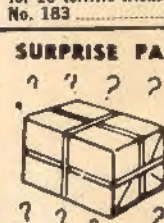
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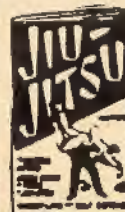
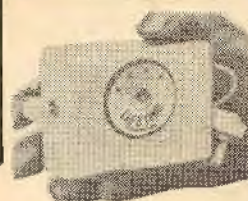
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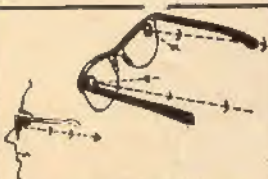
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CLARK KENT in the **BIG HOUSE!**

THAT PRISONER IS **NOT** THE **DAILY PLANET'S** STAR REPORTER! I KNOW WHAT CLARK KENT LOOKS LIKE!

SUPERMAN WING
METROPOLIS
PENITENTIARY
ALL CRIMINALS
CAUGHT BY
THE MAN OF STEEL
IMPRISONED HERE

GREAT SCOTT! PERRY FAILED TO IDENTIFY ME! NOW THE WARDEN WILL NEVER BELIEVE I'M STILL AN HONEST MAN. AND HE'LL KEEP ME LOCKED UP AS A CRIMINAL!... GULP!!

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IN METROPOLIS, ONE MORNING, AT THE DAILY PLANET, THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN, AND...

THERE HE IS, OFFICER! THE MAN WHO BLACKMAILED ME, PROMISING TO SUPPRESS A STORY ABOUT MY PRIVATE LIFE--FOR A PRICE! I GAVE HIM THE MONEY ONLY AN HOUR AGO!

CLARK KENT A BLACKMAILER? THAT'S RIDICULOUS, GENTLEMEN!



BUT AS THE POLICE OPEN CLARK'S DRAWER...

YES, HERE'S THE PAYOFF MONEY... IN MARKED BILLS! WE'VE BEEN AFTER THIS SECRET BLACKMAILER FOR MONTHS AND FINALLY GOT THIS DIRECT LEAD TO CLARK KENT!

TELL THEM IT'S A MISTAKE, CLARK... YOU'RE INNOCENT!



CLARK KENT

CLARK'S ANSWER SHOCKS JIMMY OLSEN AND PERRY WHITE, AS WELL AS LOIS...

OKAY, YOU HAVE ME! I'LL GO QUIETLY AND PLEAD GUILTY!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! CLARK KENT, MY STAR REPORTER, TURNED CRIMINAL! WHAT A... A TERRIBLE SURPRISE!



AFTER CONFESSING ALL BEFORE A JUDGE, THE PRISONER IS TAKEN WITHIN GRIM IRON GATES!



BUT WE ALL KNOW CLARK KENT IS SUPERMAN! HAS THE MAN OF STEEL REALLY TURNED CROOKED? FOR THE ANSWER, WE MUST TURN THE CLOCK BACK, TO WHEN...

...A SECRET MEETING TOOK PLACE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR, THE WARDEN, AND CLARK KENT!

WHY, THAT'S "LARCENY LUKE" DAMON, WHO RAIDED A HOSPITAL SUPPLY CENTER, NABBING VALUABLE RADIOACTIVE MINERALS WORTH A FORTUNE!

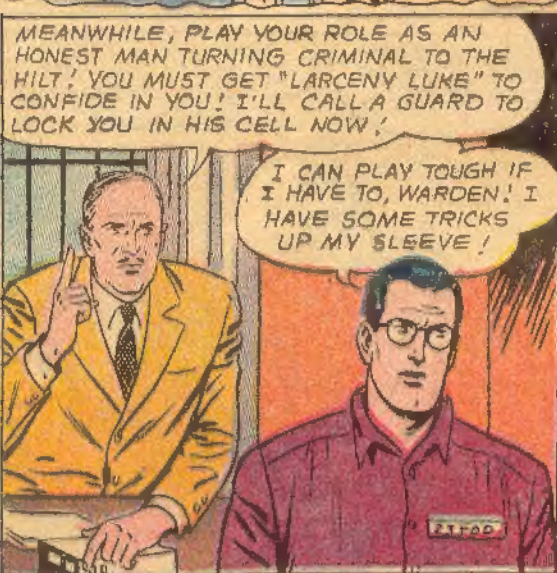
RIGHT, KENT! YOU WROTE THE STORY OF HIS MILLION-DOLLAR LOOT! HE WAS CAUGHT LATER AND JAILED, BUT...



...DIDN'T REVEAL WHERE HIS HAUL IS HIDDEN! WE PICKED YOU, KENT, TO HELP US...BY PRETENDING TO TURN CROOKED AND GOING TO JAIL, IN ORDER TO WORM THE SECRET OUT OF "LARCENY LUKE"!

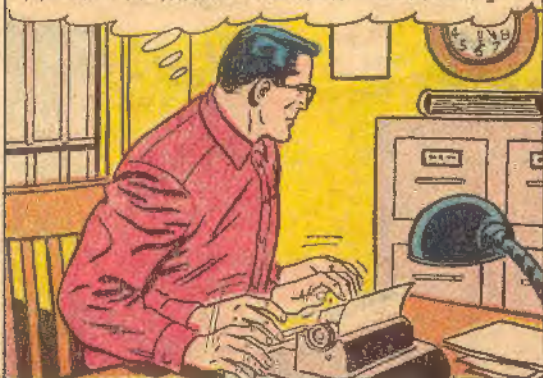
HMM...I CAN'T REFUSE TO AID THE LAW! BUT HOW WILL YOU WORK IT, GOVERNOR BENTON?





AFTER CLARK KENT, CONVICT REPORTER, BEGINS WORK...

THIS IS MY CHANCE!
I'LL WRITE UP "BIG MONK" FLINT IN SUCH
A WAY, HE'LL START A FIGHT WITH ME!
HMM...THE DEADLINE IS CLOSE! NOBODY
IS WATCHING, SO I'LL USE SUPER-SPEED
TYPING TO MAKE THE NEXT EDITION!



NEXT MORNING, WHEN FLINT SEES HIS COPY...



WHAT? I'LL GET
KENT FOR THIS!
GRRRRR!



LATER, IN THE
MESS HALL...

I HAVE A NAME FOR YOU, WISE
GUY--"CLUCK" KENT! WANT
SOME FOOD? HAVE MINE--ALL
OVER YOU! HA, HA!

I KNEW I COULD
START A FEUD WITH
THIS HOthead!



THANKS! NOW
HAVE SOME OF
MY STEW!

THIS IS ALL PART
OF MY PLAN, WITH
THE WARDEN!



AS GUARDS COME RUNNING...

BREAK IT UP, YOU TWO! WHO
STARTED THIS BRAWL? IT MUST
HAVE BEEN FLINT! HE'S
ALWAYS BLOWING HIS TOP!



NO, NOT FLINT!
IT WAS ME! I
DIDN'T LIKE THIS
RAT'S FACE!

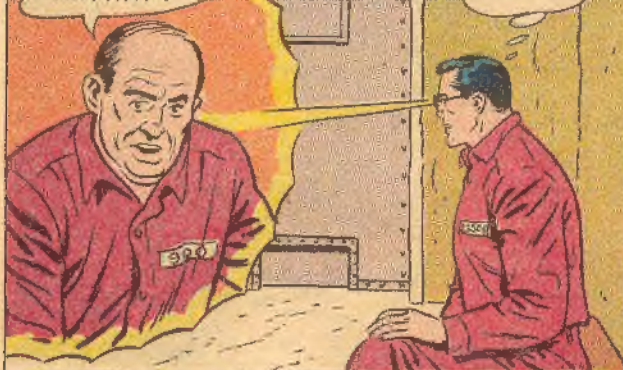
THEN YOU GET 10 DAYS
IN SOLITARY, ACCORDING
TO PRISON RULES! AND
YOU'VE JUST HAD YOUR
LAST GOOD MEAL FOR A
WHILE--IT'LL BE BREAD
AND WATER FOR YOU!



IN SOLITARY, AS THE DOOR CLANGS SHUT ON "CON" KENT...

GOSH, KENT COVERED FOR ME AND TOOK THE BLAME! HE'S NO STOOL PIGEON, ANYWAY!

AH! MY SUPER-VISION AND HEARING REVEAL THAT FLINT RESPECTS ME NOW! AND MY BEING HERE OUGHT TO IMPRESS "LARCENY LUKE", TOO!



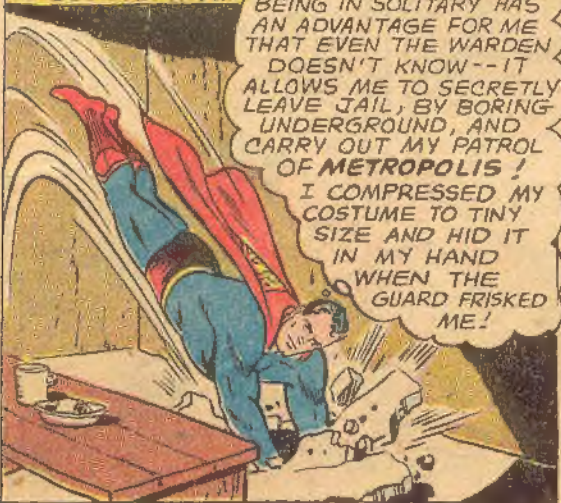
HMM!! "CON" KENT FOLLOWED OUR UNDERWORLD CODE AGAINST SQUEALING ON YOU, FLINT! HE'S AN OKAY GUY, BUT CAN HE TAKE SOLITARY WITHOUT CRACKING UP?

AH! MY "PRESTIGE" HAS GONE UP A FEW POINTS WITH LUKE!



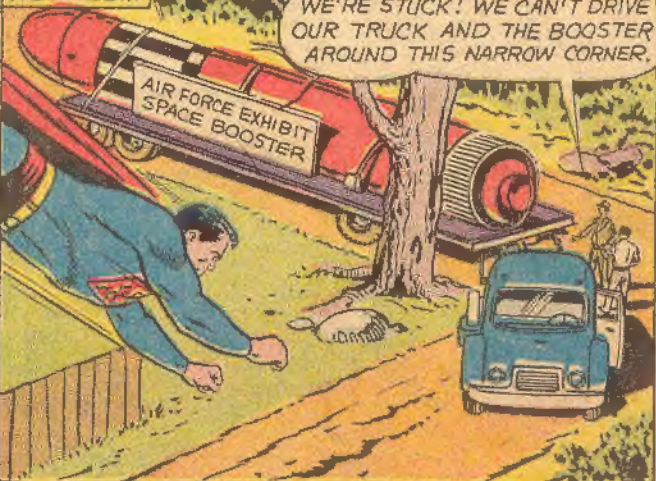
THAT NIGHT, ALONE, CLARK SWIFTLY CHANGES TO SUPERMAN...

BEING IN SOLITARY HAS AN ADVANTAGE FOR ME THAT EVEN THE WARDEN DOESN'T KNOW--IT ALLOWS ME TO SECRETLY LEAVE JAIL, BY BORING UNDERGROUND, AND CARRY OUT MY PATROL OF METROPOLIS! I COMPRESSED MY COSTUME TO TINY SIZE AND HID IT IN MY HAND WHEN THE GUARD FRISKED ME!



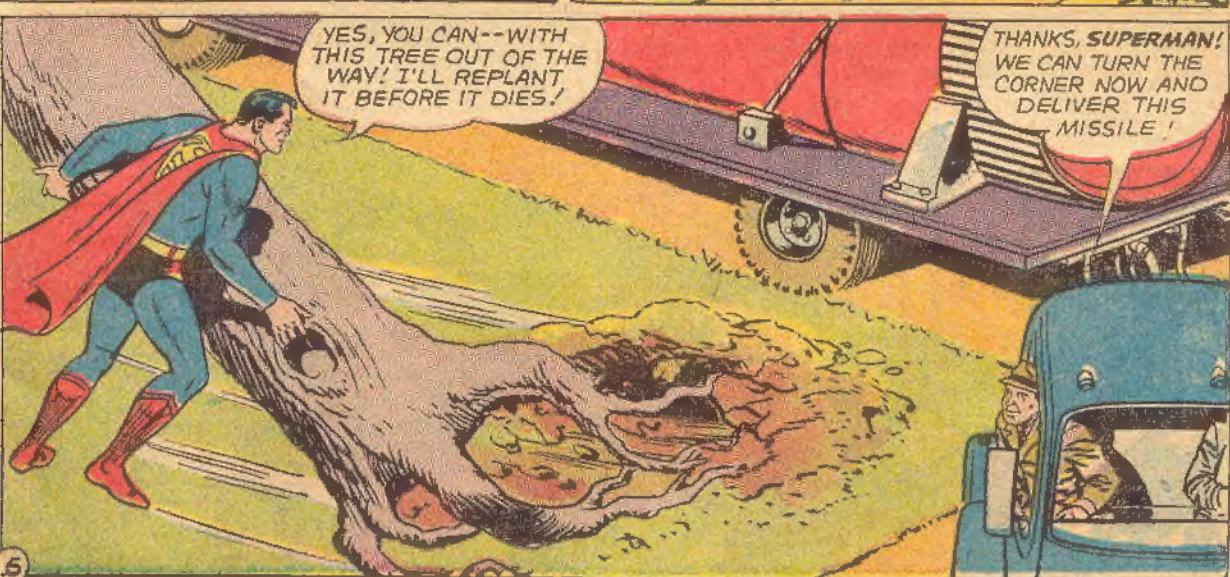
AND THUS, THE MAN OF STEEL IS ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS USUAL SUPER-SERVICES, WHICH ARE ALWAYS NEEDED...

WE'RE STUCK! WE CAN'T DRIVE OUR TRUCK AND THE BOOSTER AROUND THIS NARROW CORNER.



YES, YOU CAN--WITH THIS TREE OUT OF THE WAY! I'LL REPLANT IT BEFORE IT DIES!

THANKS, SUPERMAN! WE CAN TURN THE CORNER NOW AND DELIVER THIS MISSILE!



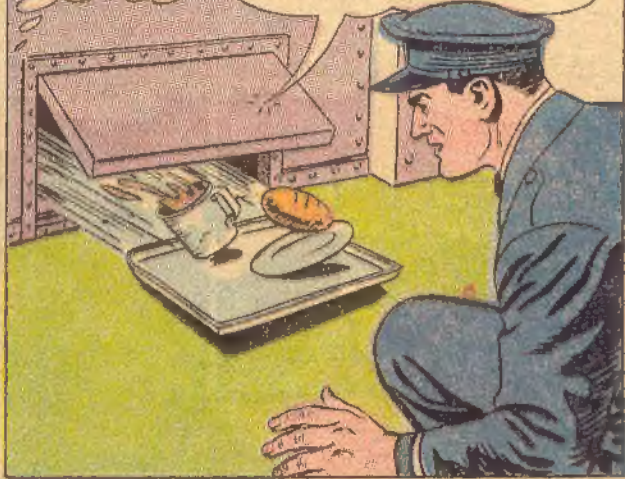
AT DAWN, AFTER A BUSY NIGHT...

NOW MY HEAT VISION WILL FUSE THE CRACKS AND REPAIR THE FLOOR... THEN IT'S BACK TO MY "CON" KENT IDENTITY IN TIME FOR BREAKFAST...



... ONLY I'LL REFUSE IT!

BAH! TAKE BACK YOUR SLOP, GUARD! I'M ON A HUNGER STRIKE--SEE?



A WEEK LATER, THE WHOLE PRISON IS BUZZING WITH THE NEWS...

"CON" KENT FLUNG BACK EVERY TRAY! HE HASN'T EATEN A THING FOR 7 DAYS! HE'S TURNING OUT TOUGHER THAN WE THOUGHT!

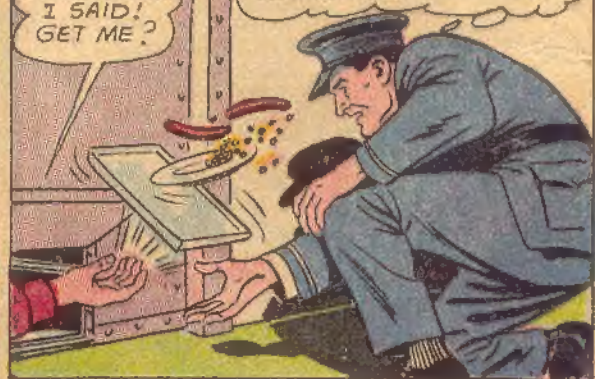
YEAH--BUT HE MUST BE GETTING REAL WEAK FROM HUNGER!



EVEN A GUARD IS SYMPATHETIC... BUT IT'S TO NO AVAIL!

I RISKED MY JOB TO BRING HIM THESE FRANKS AND BEANS-- BUT HE STILL WON'T EAT! HOW CAN HE LAST, DAY AFTER DAY?

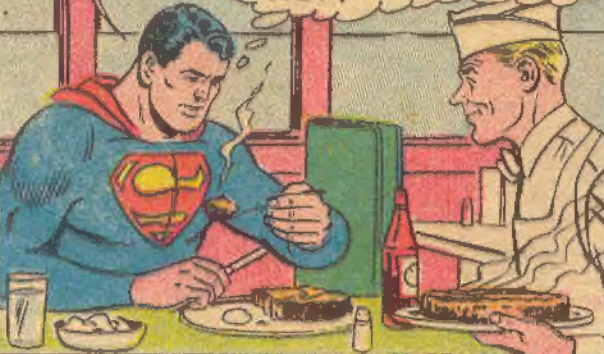
NO FOOD, I SAID! GET ME?



THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE, FOR EACH NIGHT, AFTER SECRETLY LEAVING HIS CELL, THE **MAN OF STEEL** FIRST VISITS A DINER, WHERE...

HURRY WITH THAT SECOND STEAK, JOE!

ALL THINK "POOR" CLARK IS STARVING IN SOLITARY! SINCE I'M INVULNERABLE, I COULD GO INDEFINITELY WITHOUT EATING--BUT I'D RATHER NOT!



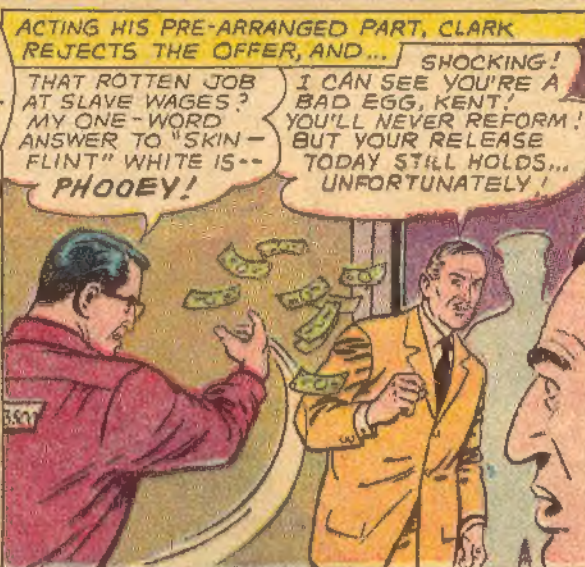
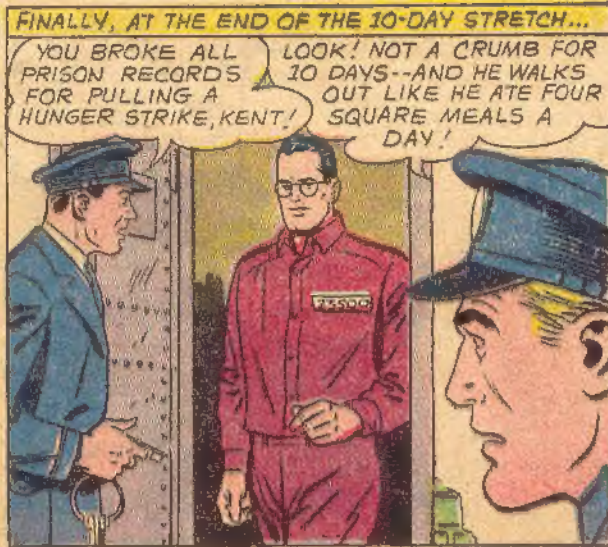
BUT AS **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO HIS CELL...

WE MUST FORCE KENT TO EAT THIS FOOD... OTHERWISE, HE'LL STARVE!

GREAT KRYPTON! IF WARDEN BANCROFT COMES IN NOW, HE'LL DISCOVER MY SECRET IDENTITY!

I'M AFRAID HE'S OVERDOING HIS "TOUGH GUY" ROUTINE!





ALONE WITH HIS CELL-MATE...

THAT DID IT, KENT! NOW I CAN TRUST YOU AND SPLIT MY HIDDEN HAUL WITH YOU! I'LL TELL YOU WHERE MY MILLION-DOLLAR LOOT IS HIDDEN. YOU CAN PICK IT UP AND HIRE A LAWYER TO SPRING ME, TOO! I'LL TELL

YOU LATER, WHEN THE GUARD'S OUT OF HEARING!

AT LAST! ONCE I HAVE THIS INFORMATION, MY MISSION IS OVER AND I'LL BE RELEASED!

BUT AFTER GETTING THE INFORMATION, CLARK IS TAKEN TO ANOTHER CELL...

HOLD ON! I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE RELEASED TODAY!

YEAH? WELL, WE GOT ORDERS TO LOCK YOU IN THIS CELL BY YOURSELF AND KEEP YOU HERE! TELL YOUR BEEF TO THE WARDEN LATER, WHEN HE COMES BY ON INSPECTION!

WHEN THE WARDEN APPEARS, THE BAFFLING MYSTERY CONTINUES...

BUT, WARDEN! YOU KNOW I'M A REPORTER, NOT A CRIMINAL. AND YOU REMEMBER OUR ORIGINAL PLAN, STARTING WITH MY FALSE ARREST!

PLAN? FALSE ARREST? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU AREN'T REPORTER CLARK KENT! YOU SIMPLY HAVE THE SAME NAME!

BUT-BUT I CAN PROVE I'M THE REAL CLARK KENT FROM THE PLANET ON AN UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT. DON'T YOU REMEMBER? CALL GOVERNOR BENTON ABOUT OUR SECRET PLAN--

WISE GUY! YOU MUST HAVE LEARNED THROUGH THE PRISON GRAPEVINE THAT THE GOVERNOR SUFFERED A STROKE TODAY AND WENT INTO A DEEP COMA!

AS CLARK HASTILY CHECKS WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...

HMM...THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT REGAIN HIS SENSES FOR HOURS!

OMIGOSH! IT'S TRUE! I CAN'T DEPEND ON THE GOVERNOR TO BACK UP MY STORY! BUT HOW COULD WARDEN BANCROFT HAVE FORGOTTEN OUR PLAN ENTIRELY?

AS THE WARDEN TURNS AWAY, CLARK MAKES A FINAL DESPERATE PLEA...

BREAKING OUT OF JAIL AS SUPERMAN WOULD ONLY EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY. BUT THERE'S ONE HOPE...

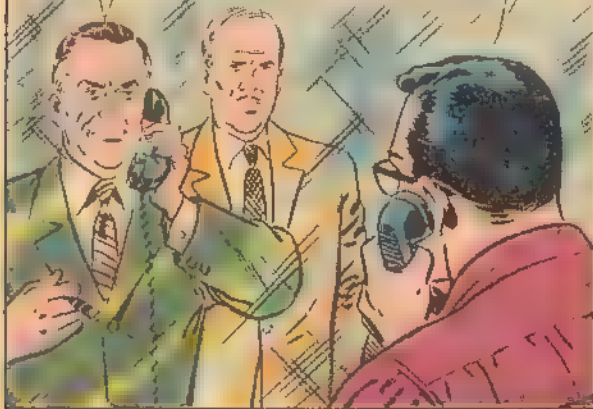
WARDEN! CALL IN PERRY WHITE! HE'LL TELL YOU I'M THE PLANET'S STAR REPORTER!

WELL, IF YOU INSIST! WE'LL SEE IF HE CAN IDENTIFY YOU!

BUT LATER, IN THE PRISON VISITING ROOM...

YOU'RE NOT CLARK KENT! I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE IN MY LIFE!

PERRY! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IS THIS ALL A--A BAD DREAM?

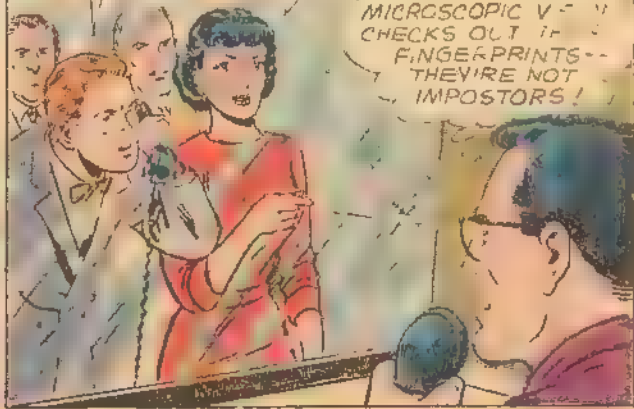


WAITING THEIR TURN, LOIS LANE AND JIMMY OLSEN ADD TO CLARK KENT'S NIGHTMARE!

HE'S NOT CLARK KENT!

HE'S A PERFECT STRANGER TO US, WARDEN!

LOIS AND JIMMY ARE AGAINST ME--CC--CAN I BELIEVE IT--AND YET, MY MICROSCOPIC V--CHECKS OUT IF FINGERPRINTS--THEY'RE NOT IMPOSTORS!



LATER, SUPERMAN SECRETLY LEAVES HIS CELL TO CHECK ON HIS FRIENDS AT THE PLANET...

THEY'RE ACTING NORMAL--NOT HYPNOTIZED--NO SIGN OF AMNESIA--NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THEIR ACTIONS! FAILING TO IDENTIFY CLARK KENT WASN'T TRICKERY ON THEIR PART! THAT LEAVES ME UP AGAINST A BLANK WALL!



RETURNING TO HIS CELL, CLARK PACES THE FLOOR IN FRUSTRATION, UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, WHEN

THE WARDEN!

PSST, KENT! COME TO MY OFFICE WHERE WE CAN TALK PRIVATELY! SORRY I GAVE YOU SUCH A BAD TIME, PRETENDING NOT TO KNOW YOU OR REMEMBER OUR PLAN!



MINUTES LATER, IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...

THE GOVERNOR DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO POLITICAL HOT WATER BY RELEASING A "BLACKMAILER" SO SOON! BUT BEFORE HIS STROKE, WE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO MAKE A "JAILBREAK"!

THAT'S BETTER! NOW WE CAN CLOSE THE "LARCENY LUKE" CASE WHEN I DIE UP HIS LOOT! HOW WILL MY "ESCAPE" BE WORKED?



SNEAK TO THE MAIN GATE RIGHT NOW! YOU'LL FIND AN EXIT "CARELESSLY" LEFT UNLOCKED. THEY WON'T SHOOT AT YOU! THE GUARDS ON DUTY TONIGHT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO PRETEND NOT TO SEE YOU. NOW GET GOING, KENT, AND GOOD LUCK!



BUT AS CLARK PERFORMS THE PLANNED JAILBREAK.

A PRISONER IS ESCAPING! STOP HIM!

YIPES! THE GUARDS OPENED FIRE! LUCKILY, IT'S DARK ENOUGH SO THEY CAN'T SEE THEIR BULLETS HIT ME AND BOUNCE OFF!

HA, HA! YOU MISSED ME! I'M GETTING AWAY!



STILL MORE SHOCKING, AS CLARK FLEES WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SWITCH TO SUPERMAN...

THE WARDEN'S AFTER ME, WITH PRISON BLOODHOUNDS! WHY DID HE **DOUBLE-CROSS** ME? I'LL LISTEN WITH MY SUPER-HEARING!

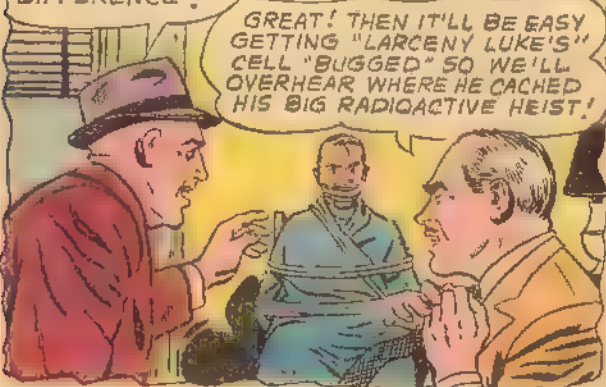
HUNT HIM DOWN, MEN! KENT DOESN'T SUSPECT I'M "BLACKY" BLAKE, THE WARDEN'S DOUBLE. NOR THAT WARDEN BANCROFT HIMSELF IS A PRISONER AT OUR HIDEOUT--



"--WHERE WE TOOK HIM AFTER KIDNAPPING HIM AT HIS HOME".

GOSH, BOSS! WITH HIS CLOTHES ON, NOBODY COULD TELL YOU FROM THE REAL WARDEN! THAT PLASTIC SURGEON SURE DID A GREAT JOB CHANGING YOUR FACE SO THAT NOBODY COULD SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

GREAT! THEN IT'LL BE EASY GETTING "LARCENY LUKE'S" CELL "BUGGED" SO WE'LL OVERHEAR WHERE HE CACHED HIS BIG RADIOACTIVE HEIST!



"CONCEALED IN LUKE'S CELL, OUR ELECTRONIC PICK-UP TAPED EVERY WORD WHEN HE WAS SPILLING THE BEANS TO HIS CELL-MATE..."

START AT THE METROPOLIS CITY LIMITS SIGN ON HIGHWAY-66... GO ONE MILE DUE WEST... CIRCLE THE QUARRY... TURN AT THE WOODEN BRIDGE... THEN 100 PACES NORTH AND YOU DIG UP THE LOOT! GOT IT, KENT?

RIGHT!



"BUT THEN I STUMBLED ON HOW THE GOVERNOR'S SECRET PLAN WITH BANCROFT HAD HOODWINKED LUKE..."

HOLY SMOKE! CLARK KENT IS A PLANT! HE'S TO BE RELEASED TODAY! AND HE'LL GO STRAIGHT TO THE COPS WITH THE INFO! HOW CAN I QUEER THE DEAL AND GET RID OF KENT?

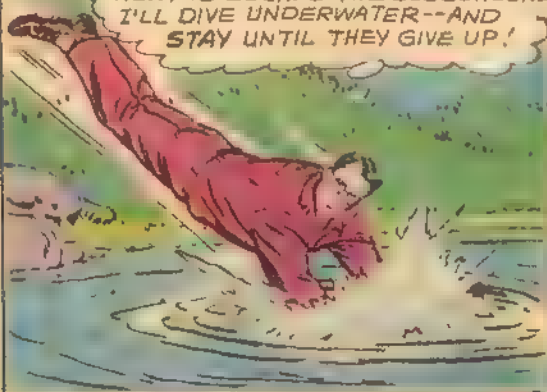


PLAYING FOR TIME, I FIRST CANCELED KENT'S RELEASE ORDERS! THAT GAVE US A CHANCE TO DRUG THE GOVERNOR SO IT WOULD APPEAR HE'D HAD A STROKE AND KEEP HIM QUIET! FINALLY, DRUG KENT INTO THIS "JAILBREAK" FINISHES THE JOB-- HE'LL BE KILLED ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE!



BUT, UNKNOWN TO "BLACKY" BLAKE, CLARK'S SUPER-HEARING HAS PICKED UP EVERY WORD HE HAS SAID...

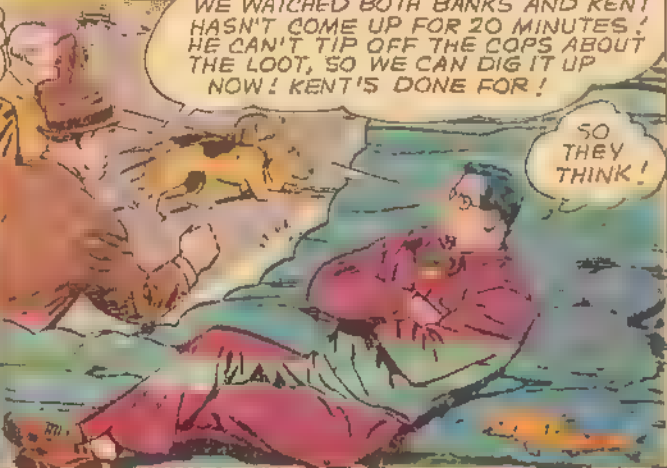
THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING-- EXCEPT WHY PERRY, LOIS, AND JIMMY FAILED TO IDENTIFY ME! BUT RIGHT NOW, TO ESCAPE THE BLOODHOUNDS I'LL DIVE UNDERWATER--AND STAY UNTIL THEY GIVE UP!



THE DISGUISED MAN OF STEEL, INVULNERABLE TO DROWNING, CAN REMAIN UNDERWATER AS LONG AS HE WISHES

WE WATCHED BOTH BANKS AND KENT HASN'T COME UP FOR 20 MINUTES! HE CAN'T TIP OFF THE COPS ABOUT THE LOOT, SO WE CAN DIG IT UP NOW! KENT'S DONE FOR!

SO THEY THINK!



LATER, AFTER FOLLOWING "LARCENY LUKE'S" DIRECTIONS TO HIS BURIED "TREASURE".

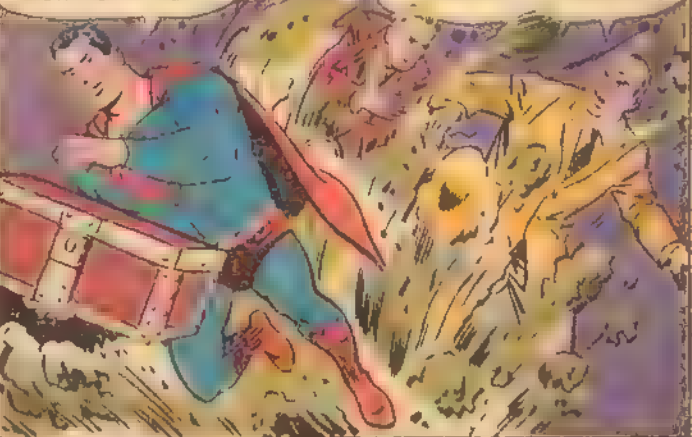
HEY, BLACKY! TH-THERE'S A BODY DOWN HERE!

HUH?? DON'T TELL ME WE STRUCK A GRAVE BY ACCIDENT! WHO'S BURIED HERE?



"SUPER-CORPSE", YOU MIGHT SAY! AND THIS "BURIES" YOUR HOPES OF D.V.Y'NG UP "LARCENY LUKE'S" LOOT!

YIPES... SUPERMAN! BUT HOW DID HE GET DOWN THERE WITHOUT DISTURBING THE GROUND AND TIPPING US OFF?

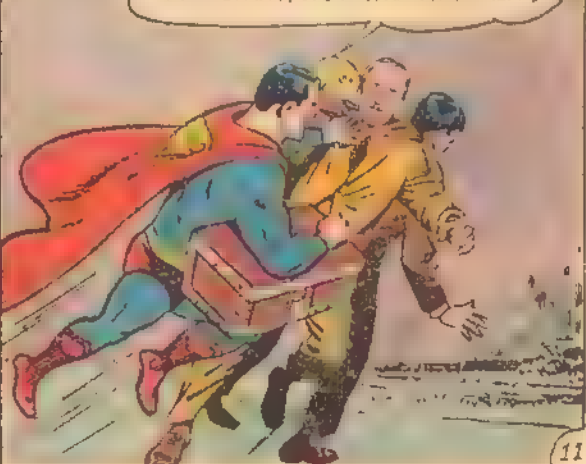


"SIMPLE! I SUPER-BORED UP UNDER THE LEADEN CHEST WHICH HOLDS THE RADIOACTIVE LOOT LUKE B RIED!"



AFTER THEY LEFT THE R JER WHERE CLARK "DROWNED", I SWITCHED IDENTITIES AND BEAT THEM TO THE SPOT!

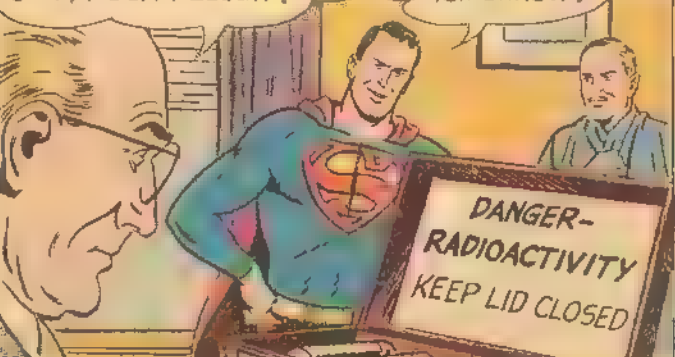
PRESENTLY... YOU'LL SOON BE BACK IN METROPOLIS PENITENTIARY, "BLACKY" BLAKE... BUT AS A PRISONER, NOT THE WARDEN!



LATER, AFTER RELEASING THE REAL WARDEN AT BLAKE'S HIDEOUT, THEN FLYING TO THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION...

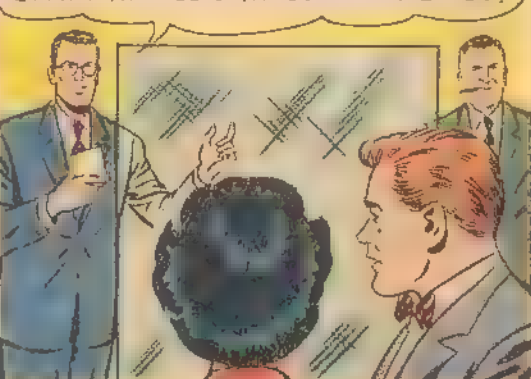
I AWOKE FROM MY COMA-- THANK HEAVEN! I SEE THAT, WITH YOUR HELP, **SUPERMAN**, CLARK KENT FINISHED HIS MISSION--BUT HE GAVE HIS LIFE, POOR FELLOW!

NO, HE DIDN'T, SIR YOU SEE, I--UH--SECRETLY RESCUED HIM FROM DROWNING! HE'LL BE BACK AT THE **PLANET** TOMORROW!

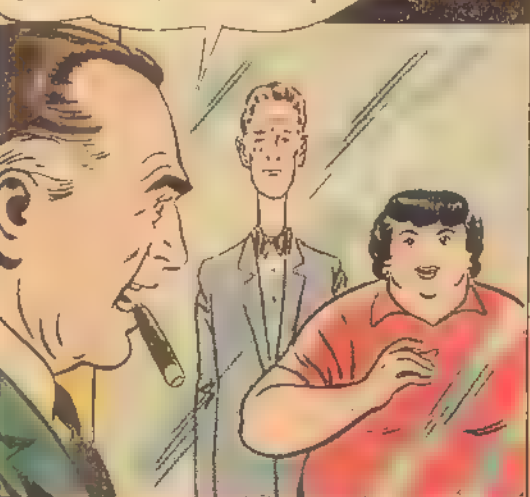


THE FINAL MYSTERY IS SOLVED NEXT DAY, AT THE OFFICE...

LOOK! **SUPERMAN** LEFT THIS GLASS PANE LAST NIGHT, TAKEN FROM THE PRISON'S VISITING ROOM, AS HIS NOTE EXPLAINS! PERRY, TAKE A LOOK AT JIMMY AND LOIS THROUGH THE GLASS!



GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! JIMMY LOOKS AS THIN AS A RAIL AND LOIS LIKE A CIRCUS FAT LADY! BOTH ARE COMPLETELY CHANGED!



AS CLARK AND PERRY, SWITCHING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLASS, ARE VIEWED BY LOIS AND JIMMY...

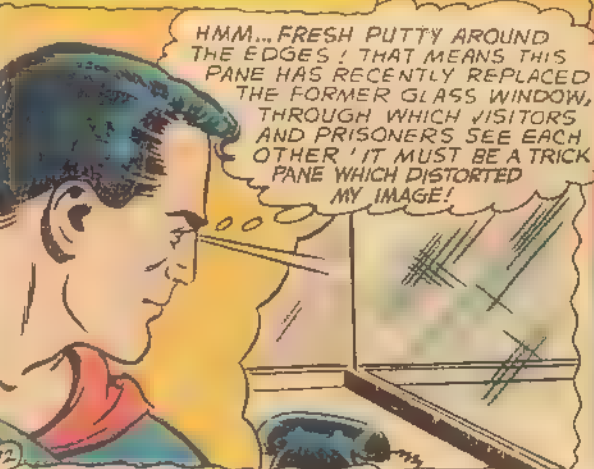
HOLY COW! NOW YOU LOOK SKINNY, CHIEF! AND NO WONDER WE DENIED KNOWING CLARK, WITH A FAT MAN'S FACE!

LIKE TRICK MIRRORS AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK, THAT ONE-WAY POLARIZED GLASS PANE DISTORTS EVERYTHING SEEN THROUGH IT FROM ONE SIDE ONLY! THE CLUE THAT TIPPED **SUPERMAN** OFF, HE SAID, WAS...



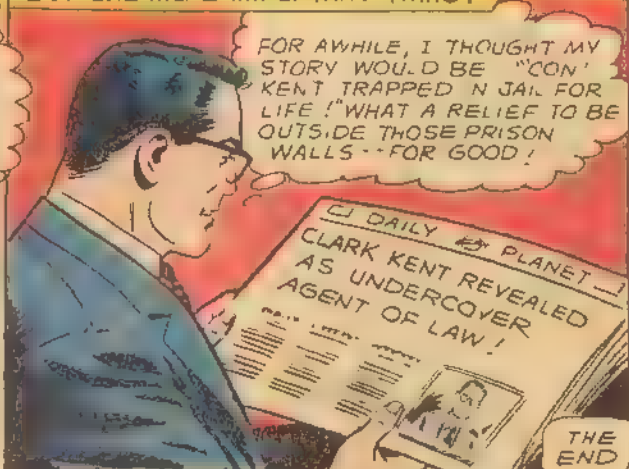
"... WHEN HE CHECKED THE PRISON VISITING ROOM VIA SUPER-VISION!..."

HMM... FRESH PUTTY AROUND THE EDGES! THAT MEANS THIS PANE HAS RECENTLY REPLACED THE FORMER GLASS WINDOW, THROUGH WHICH VISITORS AND PRISONERS SEE EACH OTHER! IT MUST BE A TRICK PANE WHICH DISTORTED MY IMAGE!



THE **PLANET**'S NEXT HEADLINE STRAIGHTENS OUT ONE MORE IMPORTANT THING!

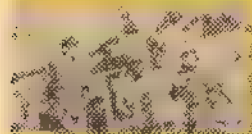
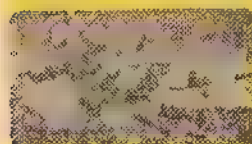
FOR AWHILE, I THOUGHT MY STORY WOULD BE "CON- KENT TRAPPED N JAIL FOR LIFE!" WHAT A RELIEF TO BE OUTSIDE THOSE PRISON WALLS--FOR GOOD!



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METROPOLIS MAILBAG

Dear Editor: Ordinarily, I don't like continued stories, because I have to wait a month or more to read the ending. But after seeing "The Death of Luthor," I was patient, because it was such an exciting tale. I didn't think you'd really kill off Luthor, but I never expected a surprise ending like that in "The Condemned Superman." It was even better than "King Superman"—and I never thought you could surpass that one. —Lou Liebovich, Rockford, Ill.

(Surprise endings are our specialty! For a real snapper, see the ending of "Olsen's Female Fan," in the April issue of JIMMY OLSEN! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In "The Super-Cheat," when Supergirl takes the students into the past, we see Alexander Hamilton being shot in the duel with Aaron Burr. However, when the fatal bullet hits him, there is no gun in his hand. Please explain. —Arthur L. Axelbank, Bronx, N.Y.

(Gladly. According to history, Hamilton shot first, but missed Burr, who then shot him. Since his dueling pistol held only one shot, we assume Hamilton dropped the now-useless weapon. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In "The Three Super-Enemies," you show Superman paralyzing Atlas by blowing his super-cold breath on his right heel—his "Achilles heel." But Achilles' left heel was vulnerable. How do you explain this? —Michael Liben, Floral Park, N.Y.

(You forgot this Atlas came from a parallel world. In that dimension, Achilles was vulnerable in his right heel. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I have just finished "The Death of Luthor" and "The Condemned Superman." This 2-part story was extraordinary with very good artwork. But talk about goofs! I found a whopper! On both covers you show Superman wearing Green Krypto-

nite chains. But Green K wouldn't affect him under a red sun, where he had no super-powers. —Dave Lucas, Stoughton, Mass.

(We assume that you and the other readers who wrote in to report this apparent boo-boo read the story rather hastily. Otherwise you'd have noticed that the Lexorians used the Green K as a precaution, just in case Superman found a way to recover his powers. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In your magazines you have stated that the Phantom Zone drifts from place to place. Then why do we see Phantom Zone prisoners, time and again, in the vicinity of Metropolis. Since the Zone moves and takes the prisoners with it, then why did it drift all the way from Krypton's distant solar system to Earth, and just stay here? —Larry Fox, Valley Stream, L.I., N.Y.

(The Phantom Zone is so vast that it would take ages to drift clear of the Earth. The Phantom Zone villains stay in whatever part of the Zone happens to be nearest to Superman or to the bottle-city of Kandor, since only the Man of Steel and the Kandorians have the equipment necessary to free them from the Zone. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In some of your comics, people on other planets say that they have been studying Earth for many years and learned our language. Some even say that they have decided to adopt the English language as their own. But you never say anything about the many other languages that are used on Earth. Why not? —Barbara Perrin, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(English is one of the most widely spoken languages on Earth and is one of the official languages of the United Nations. Besides, the United States has more radio and TV stations than any other country. Therefore, any alien monitoring Earth broadcasts would learn more English than any other language. —Ed.)

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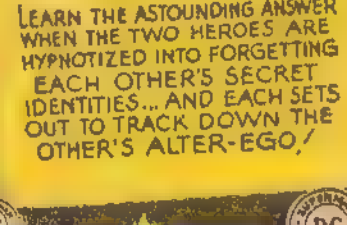


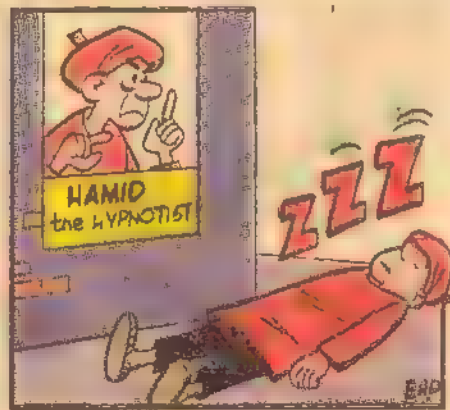
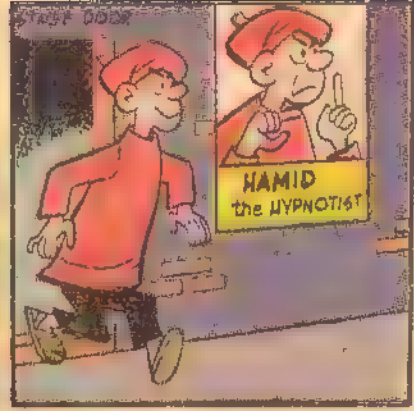
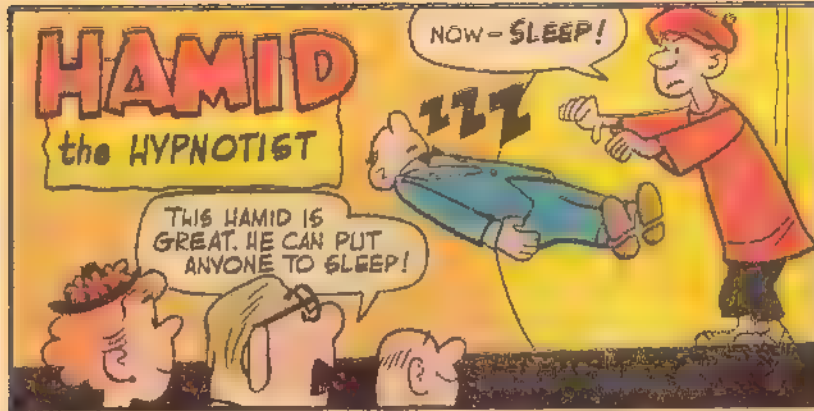
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The advertisement features the Lucky Charms leprechaun character running towards the viewer. He is holding a large box of Lucky Charms cereal. The box is red and yellow, with the brand name 'Lucky Charms' in large letters. Below the name, it says 'TOASTED OAT CEREAL WITH MARSHMALLOW BITS'. The leprechaun is wearing a green hat and a green scarf. A speech bubble from him says 'TIS A CHARMIN' CEREAL... SIMPLY CHARMIN'. The background is yellow.

SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL!
I, **LUCREZIA BORGIA**,
GIVE YOU MY DEADLY
TALENT FOR BREWING
POISONS.

FROM
ME, **MATA HARI**,
YOU WILL ABSORB THE
TREACHEROUS WILES
OF A MASTER SPY.

I, **LADY MACBETH**,
WILL TRANSFER TO YOU
MY DIABOLICAL SKILL
FOR PLOTTING
MURDER.

GROAN!
THE **EVIL THREE** ARE
TRANSFERRING THEIR
CRIMINAL TALENTS TO ME
... TURNING ME INTO A
SUPER-VILLAINESS! AND
I CAN'T ESCAPE! I'M
HELPLESS!

HOW LUCKY WE ARE THAT
SUPERGIRL'S POWERS ARE
DEVOTED TO FIGHTING CRIME
AND INJUSTICE EVERYWHERE!
BUT SUPPOSE THOSE AWESOME
ABILITIES WERE HARNESSSED
TO DO THE WORK OF CRIMINALS
AND EVILDOERS?

THAT IS THE FRIGHTFUL
PROSPECT THE WORLD FACES
WHEN **SUPERGIRL** BECOMES
A CAPTIVE OF THE WORST
VILLAINESSES OF HISTORY.
YOUR SPINE WILL TINGLE AS
YOU BEHOLD THE CRIMES
THE **MAID OF STEEL**
COMMITTS WHEN SHE
BECOMES ...

**"THE
KRYPTONIAN
KILLER!"**

FAR ACROSS THE GULFS OF SPACE LIES THE DREAD PLANET
FEMINAX, LAIR OF THE SISTERHOOD OF EVIL

LAUNCH THE
EARLY-WARNING
SATELLITES! SOME
INVADER MAY ATTEMPT
TO RESCUE OUR
SUPER-PRISONER.

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, **RAVENNE**, EVIL QUEEN
OF **FEMINAX**, TAUNTS HER CAPTIVE, WHO IS
NONE OTHER THAN **SUPERGIRL**.

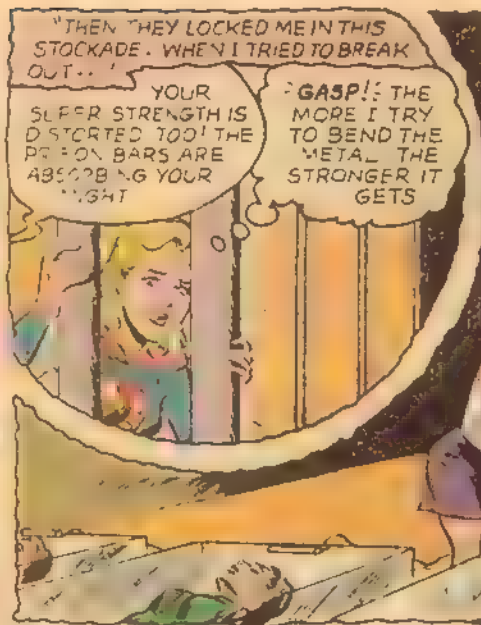
SUPERGIRL, YOU HAVE SUPER-
POWERS. WHY DON'T YOU USE
THEM TO ESCAPE FROM
THE STOCKADE?

SHE'S GLOATING.
SHE KNOWS THE **PRISM-
JEWEL** ON THAT TOWER
DISTORTS THE RAYS OF
FEMINAX' **YELLOW SUN**,
THUS WARPING MY
POWERS.

"IT WAS SOME MEMBERS OF THE SISTERHOOD OF EVIL WHO LURED ME HERE. I RECALL WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I TRIED TO ESCAPE..."



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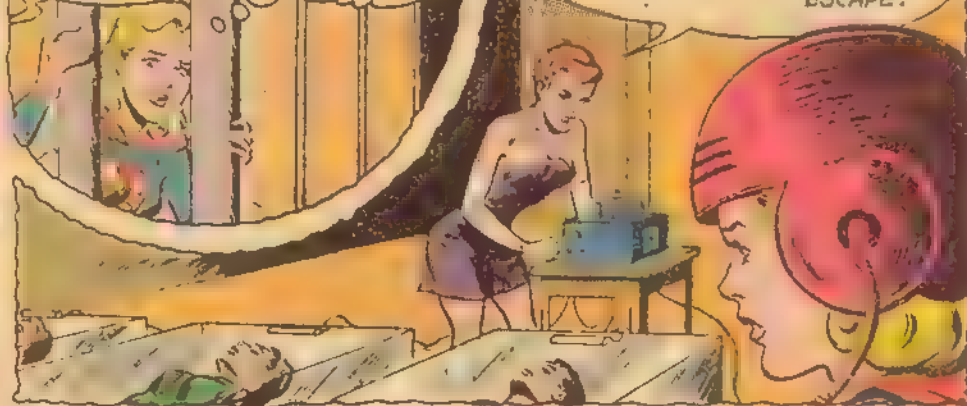
"THEN THEY LOCKED ME IN THIS STOCKADE. WHEN I TRIED TO BREAK OUT..."

YOUR SUPER STRENGTH IS STARTED TOO! THE PRISON BARS ARE ABSORBING YOUR POWER!

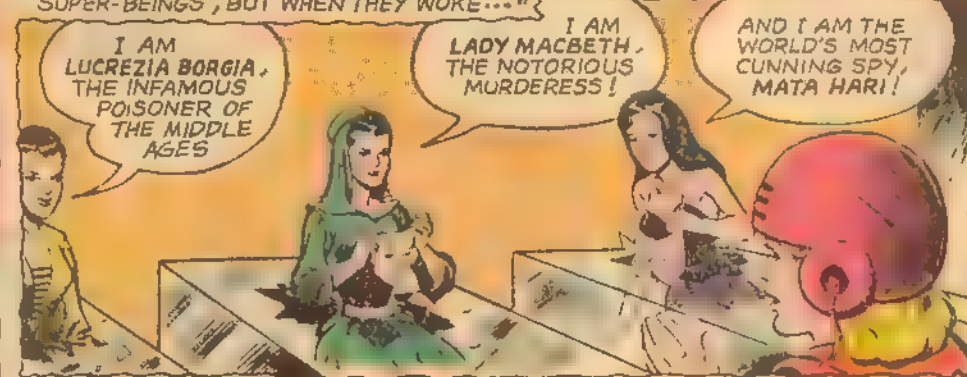
GASP! THE MORE I TRY TO BEND THE METAL THE STRONGER IT GETS

"FOOLISHLY, I ALLOWED ONE OF MY GUARDS TO TRICK ME..."

SUPERGIRL, I'M YOUR FRIEND. THE SISTERHOOD PUT THESE CAPTIVE SUPER BEINGS INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION. YOU CAN REVIVE THEM WITH THIS BRAIN-WAVE CONVERTER! THEN THEY'LL USE THEIR POWERS TO HELP YOU ESCAPE.



"MY SUPER-BRAIN SUPPLIED THE ENERGY-SOURCE THAT REVIVED THE FIRST THREE 'SUPER-BEINGS', BUT WHEN THEY WOKE..."



I AM LUCREZIA BORGIA, THE INFAMOUS POISONER OF THE MIDDLE AGES

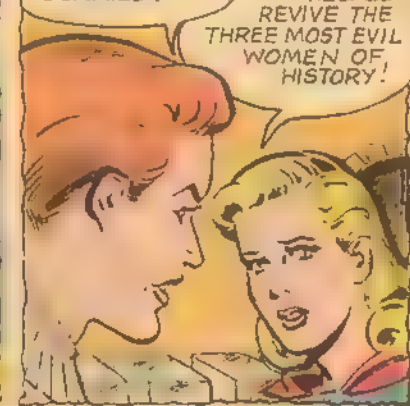
I AM LADY MACBETH, THE NOTORIOUS MURDERESS!

AND I AM THE WORLD'S MOST CUNNING SPY, MATA HARI!

HA, HA! IT'S A SCREAM! ALL SUPERGIRL CAN DO IS FLY IN CIRCLES!

WE BROUGHT THEM FROM THE PAST WITH A "TIME MAGNET", BUT OUR METHOD WAS IMPERFECT. WE PUT THEM INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION TO KEEP THEM ALIVE... THEN WE TRICKED YOU INTO REVIVING THEM! THOSE OTHER "SUPER-BEINGS" ARE DUMMIES!

I HELPED REVIVE THE THREE MOST EVIL WOMEN OF HISTORY!



OUTS OF THE STOCKADE, EVEN AS SUPERGIRL REMEMBERS...

AH MY THREE EVIL SISTERS FROM THE PAST YOU ARE JUST IN TIME TO HELP WITH MY SCHEME TO TAKE OVER THE UNIVERSE... SUPERGIRL WILL BE OUR SECRET WEAPON!



A STRANGE DEVICE IS TURNED ON THE MAID OF STEEL ...

FIRST, WE'LL WEAKEN HER WITH A HEAT BOLT FROM OUR THERMO-GUN!

I'LL BLOCK ANY POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF THEIR HEAT RAY WITH MY ICY SUPER-BREATH!

BUT, TO SUPERGIRL'S ASTONISHMENT...

UHP! MY SUPER-BREATH IS DISTORTED, TOO! INSTEAD OF BLOCKING THE HEAT RAY, IT RECOILED AND FROZE ME INSIDE A CAKE OF ICE!

HA, HA! SUPERGIRL FELL FOR MY TRICK! ONLY HER OWN SUPER-COLD BREATH WAS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO FREEZE HER!

SECONDS LATER...

...AND BECAUSE MY SUPER-STRENGTH IS DISTORTED, THE MORE I TRY TO BREAK FREE, THE STRONGER THIS CHUNK OF ICE BECOMES!

SHE IS HELPLESS! TAKE HER TO MY LABORATORY! ALL IS READY!

SOON, INSIDE THE LAB...

THIS HYPNO-DOMINATOR WILL TRANSFER YOUR THREE EVIL TALENTS TO SUPERGIRL'S BRAIN! SHE CANNOT RESIST, BECAUSE THE SUPER-COLD SLOWS DOWN HER MENTAL POWERS.

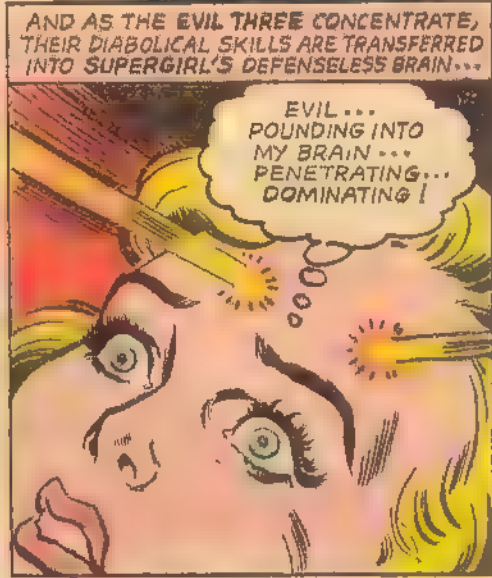
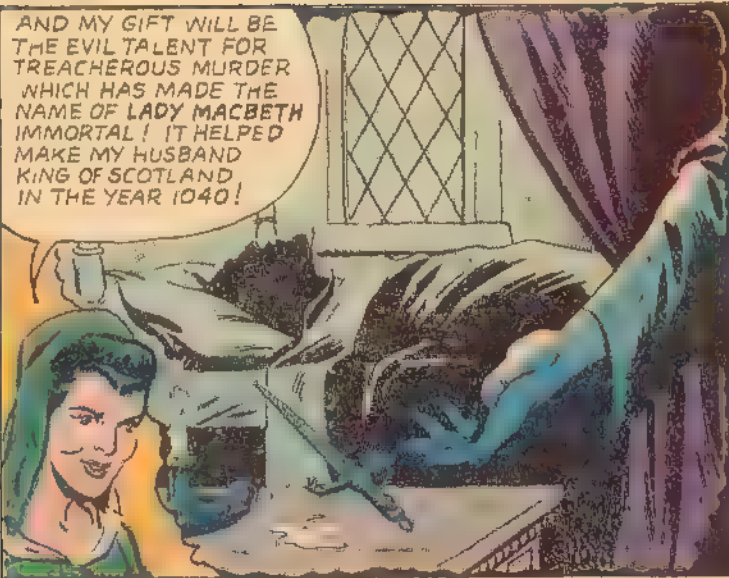
LET US BEGIN!

I WILL GIVE HER THE CUNNING WILES I USED IN MY CAREER AS A MASTER SPY!

HERE ARE OUR SECRET CODES... THE PLANS FOR OUR NEW FORTRESS... ONLY TELL ME YOU LOVE ME.

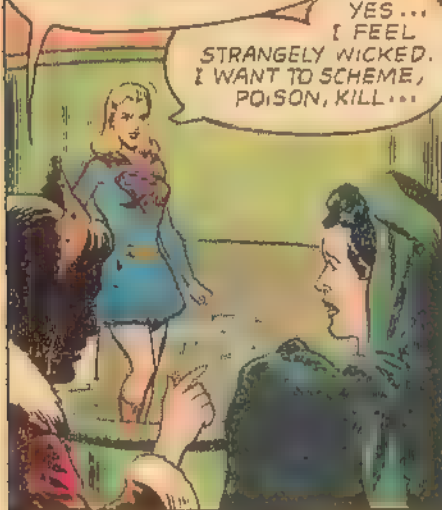
FROM ME, LUCREZIA BORGIA, SUPERGIRL WILL LEARN THE EVIL LORE I MASTERED WHILE CONCOCTING DEADLY POISONS, CENTURIES AGO!

SPLENDID! ONE PILL, SECRETLY DROPPED FROM MY RING INTO HIS WINE, WAS ENOUGH. I'LL SAVE THE REST FOR MY NEXT VICTIM.



AS THE SINISTER TASK ENDS SUPERGIRL IS FREED FROM HER ICY PRISON...

NOW YOU'LL COMBINE ALL THE FIENDISH TALENTS OF THE EVIL THREE. YOU'LL BE OUR TRIPLE-THREAT SUPER-WEAPON AGAINST EARTH!



YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE! THE PRISM JEWEL IS SHUT OFF AND YOUR POWERS ARE RESTORED! YOU WILL NOW RETURN TO EARTH, BUT YOU WILL BE UNDER OUR REMOTE HYPNOTIC CONTROL. WE'LL KEEP WATCH ON YOU BY SPACE MONITOR!



AS SUPERGIRL APPROACHES EARTH...

SUPERGIRL, THIS IS MATA HARI, GIVING YOU YOUR FIRST MISSION! USE YOUR SPY TALENTS TO STEAL THE UNITED NATIONS' PLANS FOR THE DEFENSE OF EARTH. DON'T SIMPLY BREAK IN WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS. THE U.N. MUST NOT KNOW OF THE THEFT!



STOPPING AT AN OLD THEATRICAL WAREHOUSE, SUPERGIRL DONS A PICTURESQUE DISGUISE. THEN, SLIPPING INTO THE U.N. BUILDING...



SUDDENLY...

OH, RICHARD, MY HANDSOME ONE! WHY DID YOU BREAK OUR APPOINTMENT?

LADY... YOU'RE MAKING A MIS...

MMMM! I'M ENJOYING THIS TOO MUCH TO TELL HER SHE'S MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

MY ALLURING METHODS HAVE DAZED HIM.

BY PRESSING HIS KEY OF THE PLANS ROOM INTO A CAKE OF SOAP, I'LL HAVE AN ACCURATE IMPRESSION TO GUIDE ME WHEN I MAKE A DUPLICATE KEY.

LATER, AFTER FASHIONING THE DUPLICATE KEY, SUPERGIRL SLIPS BACK INTO THE U.N. BUILDING, AND...

EARTH'S TOP-SECRET DEFENSE PLANS... AND I MUST TURN THEM OVER TO THE SISTERHOOD OF EVIL... I MUST!

SOON, AS THE EVIL ONES WATCH FROM FEMINAX...

MY MISTRESSES, I KNOW YOU ARE READING MY THOUGHTS. I HAVE THE U.N. DEFENSE PLANS HERE.

WELL DONE! BUT THAT WAS JUST A TEST OF YOUR NEW TALENTS. WE HAVE A FAR MORE VITAL TASK FOR YOU.

USING MY LUCREZIA BORGIA TALENTS, YOU WILL CREATE THE MOST DEADLY POISON IN THE UNIVERSE... A FIENDISH BREW THAT WILL EVEN KILL SUPER-BEINGS!

I HEAR... GULP! ... AND OBEY!

STREAKING OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE SUPERGIRL RAIDS A GIANT CHEMICAL PLANT...

IT'S SUPERGIRL! SHE'S GONE BERSERK!

SHE'S WRECKING OUR PLANT AND STEALING THE DEADLIEST CHEMICALS IN OUR LABORATORY. SHE MUST BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF RED KRYPTONITE!

NEXT THE MAID OF STEEL COLLECTS THE MOST LETHAL PLANTS OF THE TROPICAL RAIN-FOREST...

THIS HERB WILL MAKE THE POISON FATAL TO SUPER-BEINGS, SINCE IT WAS NOURISHED BY A KRYPTONITE METEOR LYING UNDER THE EARTH. BY USING THESE TONGS, I'LL KEEP SAFELY OUT OF RANGE OF THE KRYPTONITE.

IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, SUPERGIRL COMPOUNDS THE DEADLY INGREDIENTS...

I HAVE IT AT LAST...THE MOST POISONOUS BREW IN THE UNIVERSE! IT'S CAPABLE OF SLAYING EVEN THE MIGHTIEST SUPER-BEING.

THEN, ANOTHER HYPNO-TELEPATHIC COMMAND...

SUPERGIRL!
THIS IS LADY MACBETH! USING MY TALENTS FOR TREACHEROUS MURDER, YOU WILL TEST THE POISON ON ONE OF YOUR SUPER-PETS.

I WILL OBEY... BECAUSE I MUST!

USING TELESCOPIC VISION, SUPERGIRL LOCATES THE SUPER-ANIMALS AS THEY FINISH A SPACE-RUMP...

SUPER-PETS... I'VE JUST CONCOCTED A POTION WHICH HAS AN AMAZING EFFECT ON SUPER-BEINGS. I'D LIKE ONE OF YOU TO TEST IT.

I'LL VOLUNTEER. I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T GIVE US ANYTHING HARMFUL.

BUT AS THE LETHAL POTION IS SWALLOWED...

WHINNYYYY!

SUPERGIRL!
WHAT DID YOU GIVE ME? MY BODY IS WRACKED WITH PAIN!

THE POISON IS AFFECTING H.M. HE'S DYING!

I WORKED COMET, MY SUPERHORSE, IS DEAD - CHOKED - AND I KILLED HIM.

GREAT KRYPTON... I'M GETTING LOSE HERE, BEFORE SHE KILLS ME, TOO!

AND NOW COMES ANOTHER MENTAL MESSAGE...



EXCELLENT! YOUR BREW KILLED THAT SUPER-BEAST! NOW, YOU MUST TEST IT ON A SUPER-HUMAN...

I MUST OBEY... I'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH ONE OF THE CRIMINALS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE... IF HE SURVIVES THE TEST, I'LL LET HIM REMAIN IN THE REAL WORLD.



BACK IN THE ARCTIC FORTRESS, SUPERGIRL USES THE ZONE-O-PHONE TO CONTACT THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION*.

ALL RIGHT! I'LL TEST YOUR POISON! IT MAY NOT WORK ON ME! BUT EVEN DEATH IS BETTER THAN CONTINUED EXILE IN THIS EERIE PLACE!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME? WHAT CRIME DID YOU COMMIT ON KRYPTON?



* THE PEOPLE OF KRYPTON USED TO PUNISH CRIMINALS BY PROJECTING THEM INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE. AFTER KRYPTON EXPLODED, THESE OUTLAWS REMAINED TRAPPED IN THE ZONE.-- ED.



"MY NAME IS PY-RON. IN A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT, I TURNED HUMANS INTO WEIRD, BIRD-LIKE MONSTERS..."

PY-RON, AS PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR CRIME, YOU ARE SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!

NO, NO! ANYTHING BUT THAT!



ALL RIGHT! I'LL ACCEPT YOU AS A VOLUNTEER. I'LL RELEASE YOU FROM THE ZONE SO YOU CAN TEST THE POISON! YOU WILL MATERIALIZE IN THIS CHAIR.



AS THE RELEASE-RAY MATERIALIZES PY-RON...

THAT'S A ZONE-SHACKLE ON YOUR ARM. REFUSE TO TEST THE POISON AND IT WILL RETURN YOU TO THE ZONE IN THREE HOURS. TRY TO REMOVE IT AND YOUR ATOMIC STRUCTURE WILL DISSOLVE, RETURNING YOU THERE ANYWAY.

I'M READY FOR THE TEST!



BUT AS THE EVIL BREW TOUCHES HIS LIPS...

YARRRR!

THE PAIN! THE AWFUL AGONY!

HE'S DYING! THE POTION IS KILLING HIM! BUT, AT LEAST, I'LL KEEP MY PART OF THE BARGAIN. I'LL DEACTIVATE THE SHACKLE AND LEAVE HIS BODY HERE IN THE REAL WORLD.



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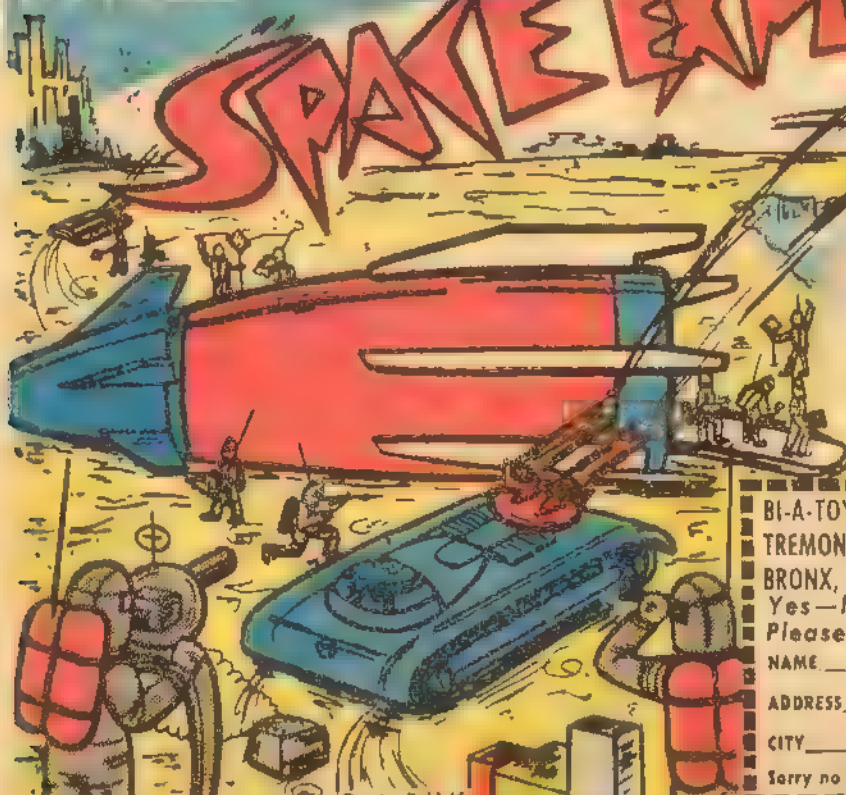
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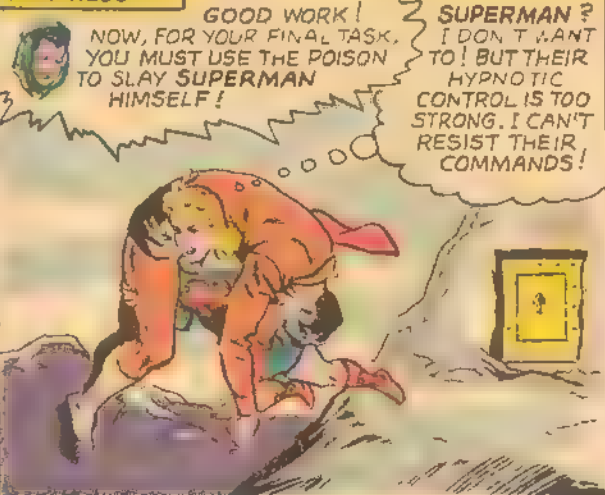
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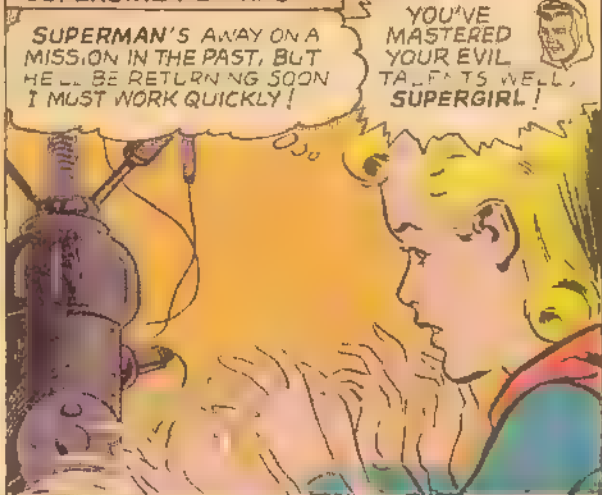
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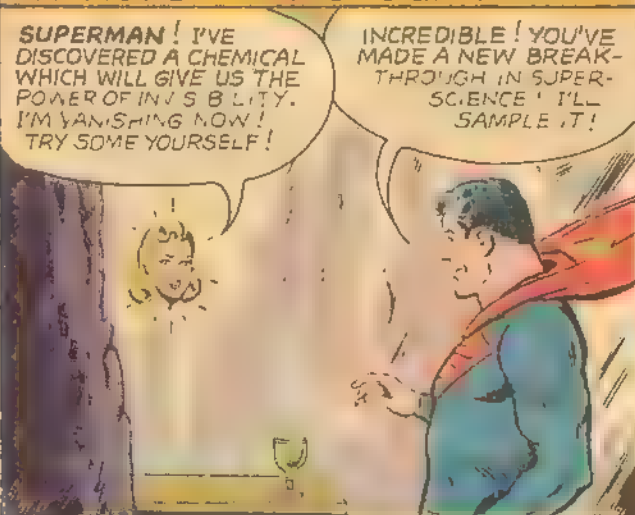
AS SUPERGIRL CARRIES THE LIMP FORM FROM THE
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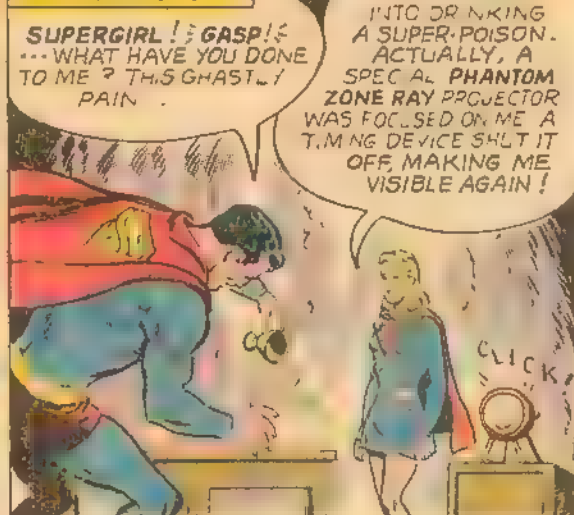
AFTER BURYING PYRON IN THE ARCTIC SNOWS,
SUPERGIRL RETURNS ...



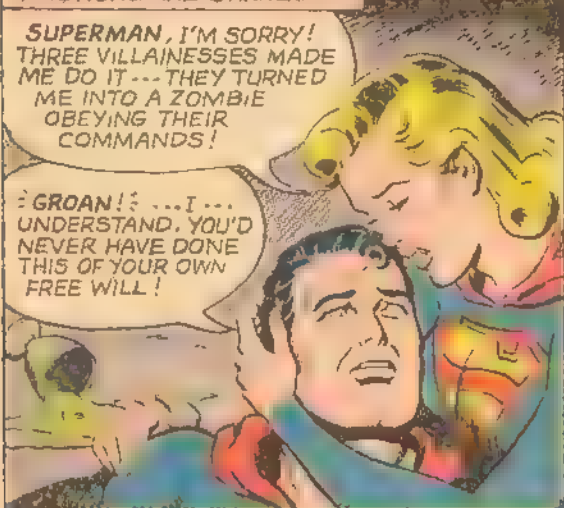
SOON, AS THE MAN OF STEEL RETURNS TO EARTH ...



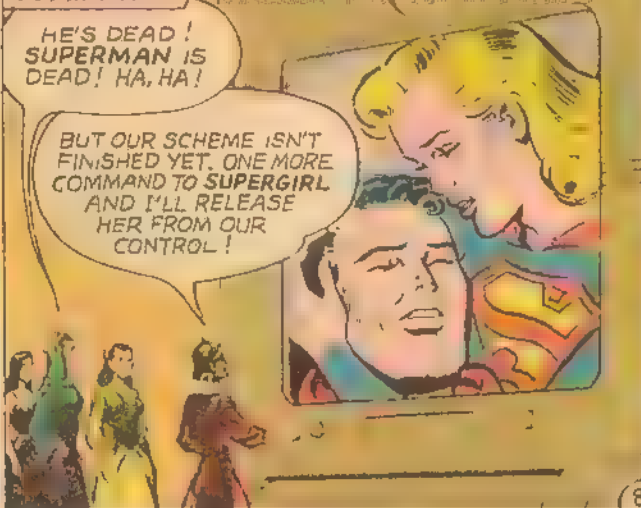
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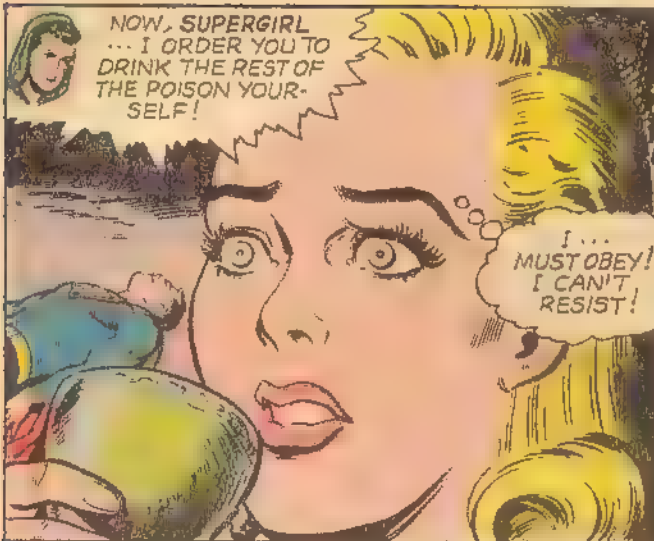


THOUGH STILL HYPNOTIZED, SUPERGIRL'S
EMOTIONS ARE STIRRED ...



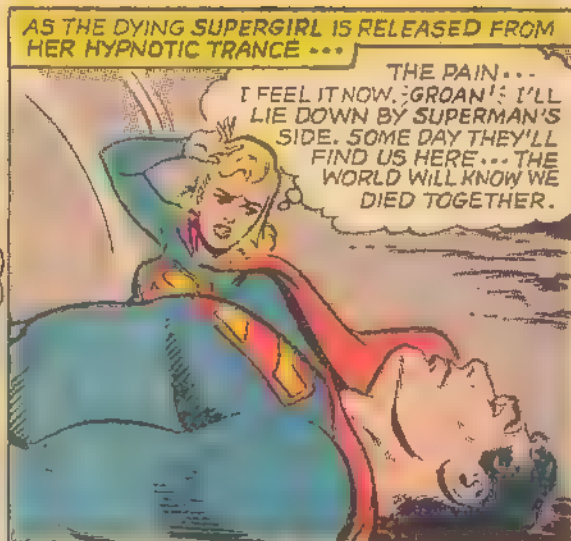
MEANWHILE, SATANIC EYES WATCH ON DISTANT
FEMINAX ...





NOW, SUPERGIRL... I ORDER YOU TO DRINK THE REST OF THE POISON YOURSELF!

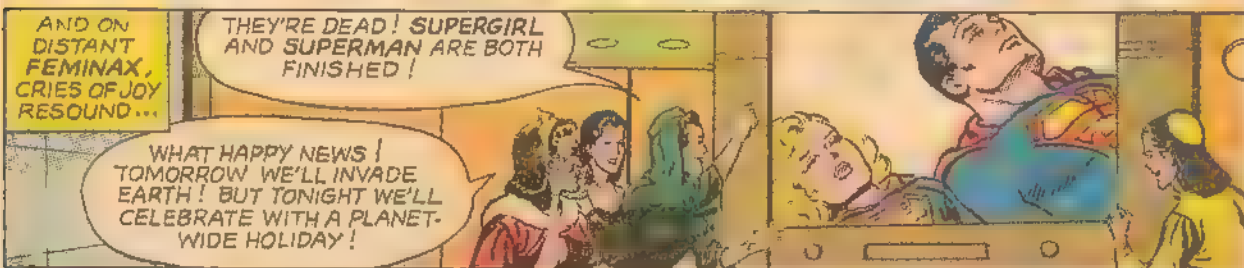
I... MUST OBEY!
I CAN'T RESIST!



AS THE DYING SUPERGIRL IS RELEASED FROM HER HYPNOTIC TRANCE...

THE PAIN...

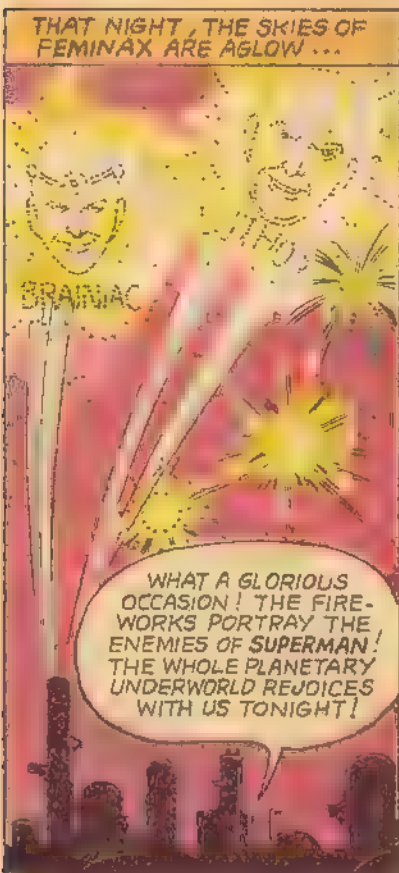
I FEEL IT NOW, GROAN! I'LL LIE DOWN BY SUPERMAN'S SIDE. SOME DAY THEY'LL FIND US HERE... THE WORLD WILL KNOW WE DIED TOGETHER.



AND ON DISTANT FEMINAX, CRIES OF JOY RESOUND...

THEY'RE DEAD! SUPERGIRL AND SUPERMAN ARE BOTH FINISHED!

WHAT HAPPY NEWS! TOMORROW WE'LL INVADE EARTH! BUT TONIGHT WE'LL CELEBRATE WITH A PLANET-WIDE HOLIDAY!



THAT NIGHT, THE SKIES OF FEMINAX ARE AGLOW...

BRAINAC

WHAT A GLORIOUS OCCASION! THE FIREWORKS PORTRAY THE ENEMIES OF SUPERMAN! THE WHOLE PLANETARY UNDERWORLD REJOICES WITH US TONIGHT!



A LITTLE LATER, IN RAVENNE'S LABORATORY...

NOW THAT WE FOUR ARE ALONE, WILL YOU LET US SEE THE FACE OF OUR PARTNER-IN-EVIL?

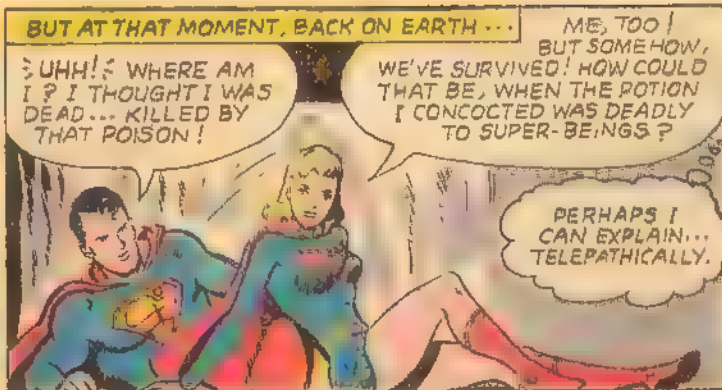
YES... FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I CAME TO THIS WORLD, I WILL LIFT MY VEIL AND REVEAL MY FACE!

GASP! YOU AREN'T THE YOUNG WOMAN YOUR SUBJECTS BELIEVE YOU TO BE! YOU'RE AN OLD HAG!

TRUE! BUT YOU WILL NEVER TELL MY SECRET!



NOW THAT YOUR TALENTS HAVE HELPED MAKE THE CONQUEST OF YOUR HOME PLANET POSSIBLE, I HAVE NO FURTHER NEED OF YOU! PULLING THIS SWITCH WILL RETURN YOU TO YOUR OWN TIME-ERAS, WHILE WIPING OUT YOUR MEMORIES OF THIS ADVENTURE!

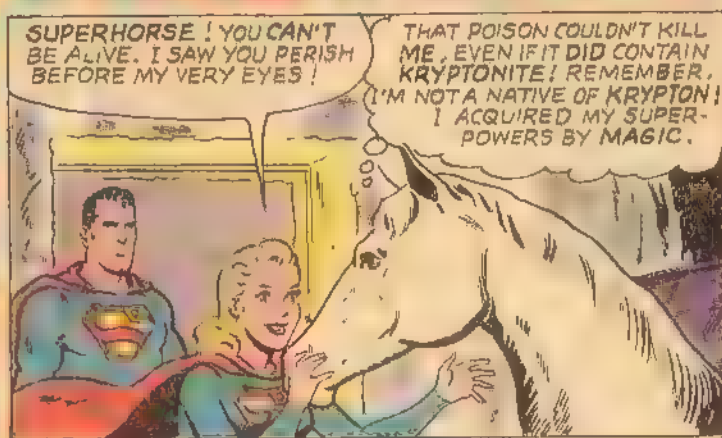


BUT AT THAT MOMENT, BACK ON EARTH...

UHH! WHERE AM I? I THOUGHT I WAS DEAD... KILLED BY THAT POISON!

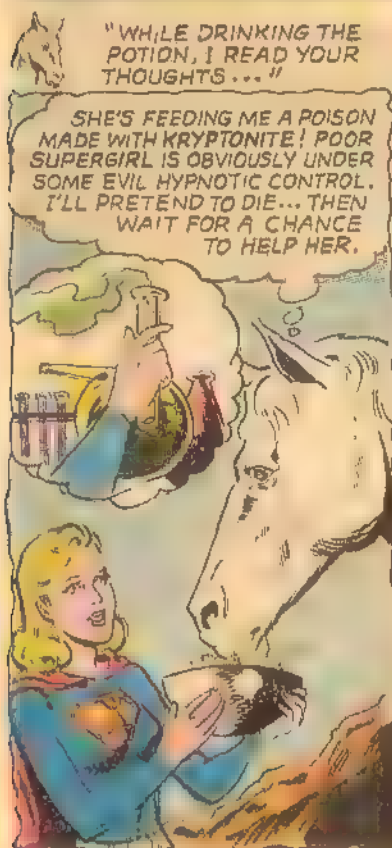
ME, TOO! BUT SOMEHOW, WE'VE SURVIVED! HOW COULD THAT BE, WHEN THE POTION I CONCOCTED WAS DEADLY TO SUPER-BEINGS?

PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN... TELEPATHICALLY.



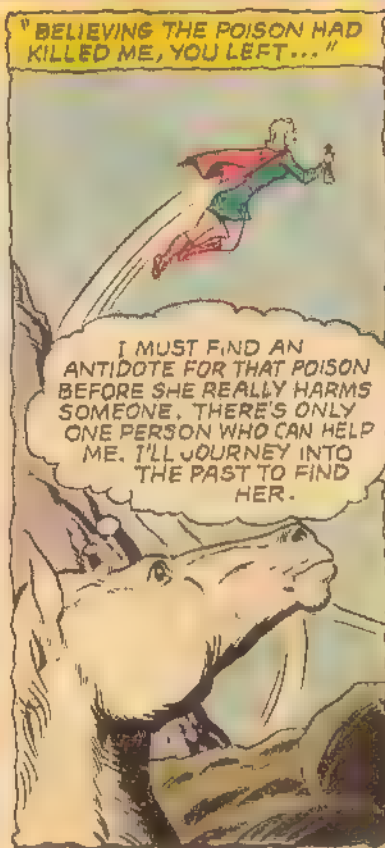
SUPERHORSE! YOU CAN'T BE ALIVE. I SAW YOU PERISH BEFORE MY VERY EYES!

THAT POISON COULDN'T KILL ME, EVEN IF IT DID CONTAIN KRYPTONITE! REMEMBER, I'M NOT A NATIVE OF KRYPTON! I ACQUIRED MY SUPER-POWERS BY MAGIC.



"WHILE DRINKING THE POTION, I READ YOUR THOUGHTS..."

SHE'S FEEDING ME A POISON MADE WITH KRYPTONITE! POOR SUPERGIRL IS OBVIOUSLY UNDER SOME EVIL HYPNOTIC CONTROL. I'LL PRETEND TO DIE... THEN WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO HELP HER.



"BELIEVING THE POISON HAD KILLED ME, YOU LEFT..."

I MUST FIND AN ANTIDOTE FOR THAT POISON BEFORE SHE REALLY HARMS SOMEONE. THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN HELP ME. I'LL JOURNEY INTO THE PAST TO FIND HER.



"STREAKING THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER, I VISITED A BYGONE AGE TO SEEK OUT CIRCE, THE ENCHANTRESS WHO HAD GIVEN ME MY SUPER-POWERS..."

SO THE POISON WAS MADE WITH KRYPTONITE? HMM... MY ORACLE BOWL SHOWS THE WAY TO RENDER IT HARMLESS.

JUST TELL ME HOW, CIRCE!

"I RETURNED TO THE PRESENT, JUST IN TIME!..."

SHE'S POISONING A PHANTOM ZONE CRIMINAL. CIRCE SAID MY X-RAY VISION CAN ALTER THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE OF THE POISON. THE VICTIM WILL FEEL PAIN, BUT WILL MERELY GO INTO A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION FOR A FEW HOURS.

SUPERHORSE, I GUESS WE OWE YOU OUR LIVES! BUT I WISH I KNEW HOW THIS POISON BUSINESS GOT STARTED.

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN I WAS LURED TO THE PLANET FEMINAX BY FEMALE CRIMINALS WHO PRETENDED TO BE MY ADMIRERS...

AS SUPERGIRL FINISHES HER STORY...

SO THE EVIL THREE AND THE CRIMINAL SISTERHOOD USED ME AS A TOOL TO TRY TO CONQUER THE EARTH. LOOK THERE WITH YOUR TELESCOPIC EYES! THEY'RE CELEBRATING OUR DEATHS RIGHT NOW. HOW CAN WE PUNISH THEM?

I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING! THEY'RE TOO DANGEROUS TO BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN FREE.

SOON AFTERWARD, A PICTURESQUE FIGURE STREAKS TOWARD FEMINAX...

I KNOW HOW TO PUNISH THAT SISTERHOOD. FIRST I'LL DESTROY THE EARLY-WARNING SATELLITES WITH MY HEAT VISION!

THEN, PLUNGING DOWN TO THE SURFACE...

BY PUSHING AGAINST THIS MOUNTAIN WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH, I'LL SPEED THE PLANET'S ROTATION ON ITS AXIS, THUS CREATING TREMENDOUS WINDS AND TIDES!

AS MIGHTY STORMS AND GIANT TIDAL WAVES SWEEP FEMINAX...

IT'S SUPERMAN! THE POISON FAILED TO KILL HIM... NOW, HE'S REVENGING HIMSELF BY DESTROYING OUR PLANET.

WE'RE DOOMED!

AS ALL LIFE ON THE PLANET PERISHES, SUPERGIRL ARRIVES...

SUPERMAN, I WAS WATCHING YOU FROM EARTH! HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE SO VENGEFUL? YOU KNOW IT'S AGAINST OUR CODE TO KILL!

I DIDN'T CAUSE THIS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. BUT I THINK I KNOW WHO DID!

SUDDENLY, ANOTHER SUPER-BEING APPEARS...

AH! YOU CAME TO SEE HOW THE EVIL SISTERHOOD WAS PUNISHED? IT WAS I WHO WIPED THEM OUT!

PY-RON OF THE PHANTOM ZONE! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT COSTUME WHICH RESEMBLES SUPERMAN'S AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING IT?

SINCE THOSE FEMALE CRIMINALS HAD TRIED TO KILL YOU, I WANTED THEM TO BELIEVE IT WAS SUPERMAN WHO WAS DESTROYING THEM FOR THEIR CRIMES.

BUT WHY THAT "E" INSIGNIA?

"I MADE THIS SUPER-OUTFIT YEARS AGO, WHEN A VOLCANIC ERUPTION FREED ME BRIEFLY FROM THE ZONE..."

TO HARASS SUPERMAN, I'VE COPIED HIS COSTUME. BUT MY "E" INSIGNIA STANDS FOR EVIL-MAN!

LOOK! IT'S EVIL-MAN! IT TAKES ALL SUPERMAN'S TIME TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE HE DOES!

YES... I RECALL CAPTURING YOU THEN AND RETURNING YOU TO THE PHANTOM ZONE! BUT I NEVER FOUND YOUR EVIL-MAN DISGUISE.

LIKE YOUR OWN OUTFIT, IT'S MADE OF COMPRESSIBLE MATERIAL. I CAN CRUSH MY UNIFORM TO THE SIZE OF A PILL... I HID IT INSIDE MY KRYPTONIAN CLOTHES.

"WHEN SUPERGIRL RELEASED ME FROM THE ZONE TO TEST HER POISON, THE DRUG PUT ME INTO A TRANCE. WHEN I AWOKED, LATER..."

STRANGE! WHO BURIED ME HERE? WHY DIDN'T I DIE? PERHAPS I CAN FIND THE ANSWERS AT SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS!

"I OVERHEARD THE STORIES THAT SUPERHORSE AND SUPERGIRL TOLD..."

...THE CRIMINAL SISTERHOOD USED ME TO TRY TO CONQUER EARTH... HOW CAN WE PUNISH THEM?

SINCE I DIDN'T REALLY TEST THE POISON, SUPERGIRL MIGHT RETURN ME TO THE ZONE... UNLESS I PROVE THAT I DESERVE TO STAY IN THE REAL WORLD.

BY DESTROYING FEMINAX, I REDEEMED MYSELF AND EARNED THE RIGHT TO BE FREE. RIGHT?

NO! YOU HAD ALREADY EARNED YOUR FREEDOM BY KEEPING YOUR BARGAIN WITH ME. THOUGH ALL THE GIRLS ON THAT PLANET WERE GUILTY OF DREADFUL CRIMES, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KILLED THEM WITHOUT A TRIAL!

FROM A SECRET POCKET IN HIS CAPE, SUPERMAN TAKES A PHANTOM ZONE RAY, AND...

BY YOUR HEARTLESS ACTION, YOU PROVED YOU DON'T BELONG IN THE OUTER WORLD. I'M SORRY, BUT I MUST RETURN YOU TO THE PHANTOM ZONE! FAREWELL, PY-RON!

CHOKE! I UNDERSTAND. I WON'T RESIST. BUT PERHAPS, SOME DAY....

WE'LL LET FEMINAX REMAIN IN ITS ORBIT AS A WARNING TO ALL SPACE CRIMINALS!

LET WRONG-DOERS REMEMBER THAT EVIL IS REPAID BY EVIL!

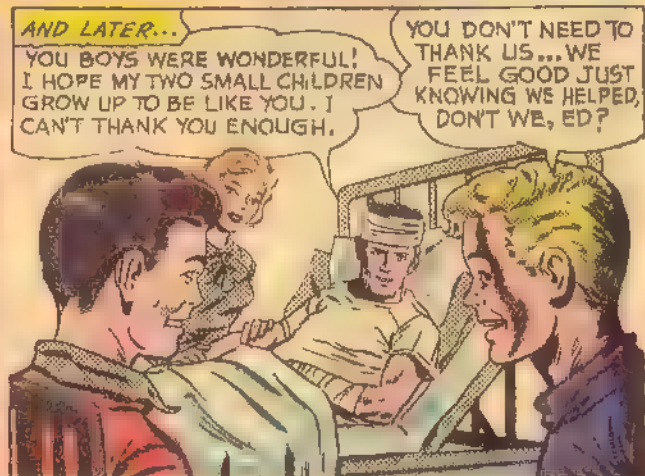
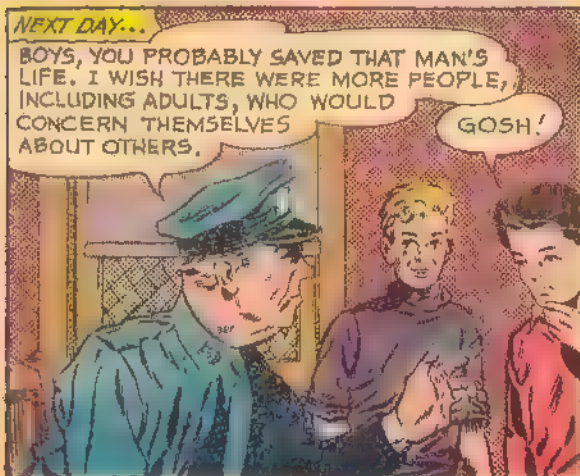
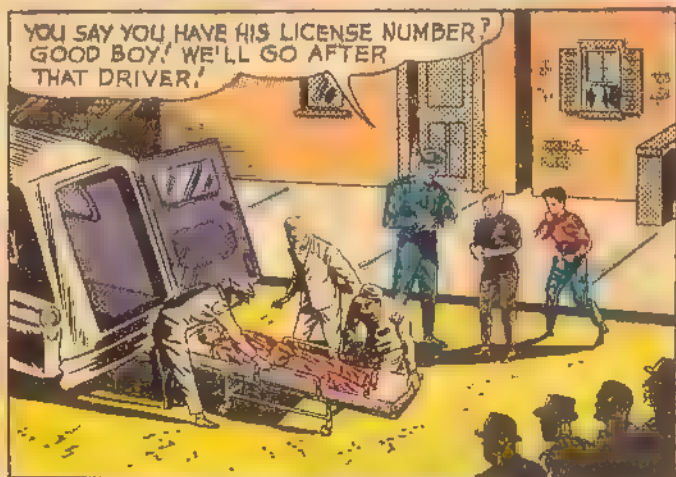
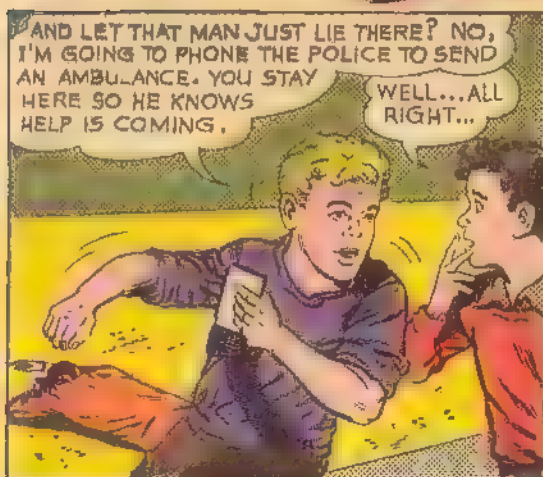
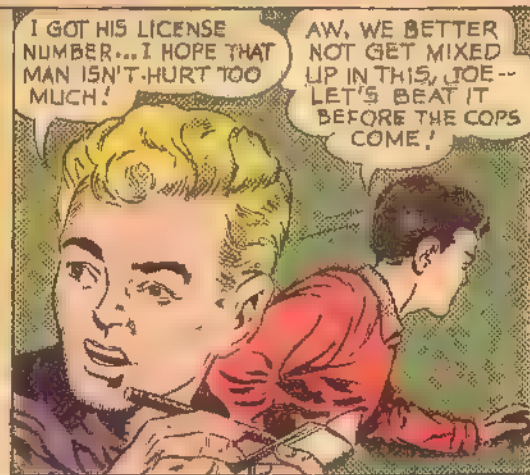
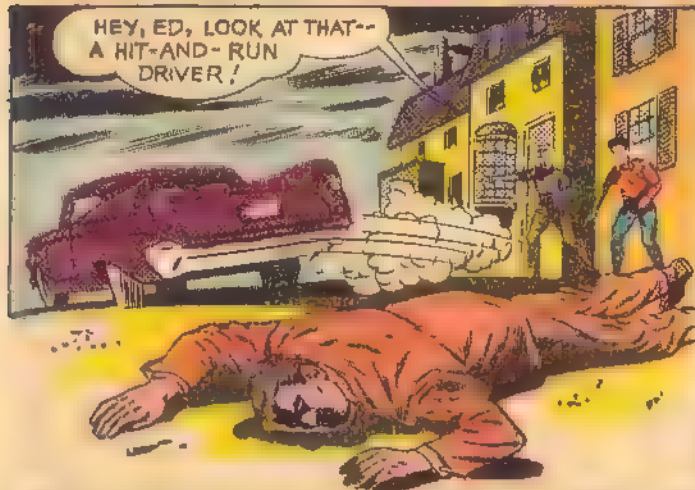
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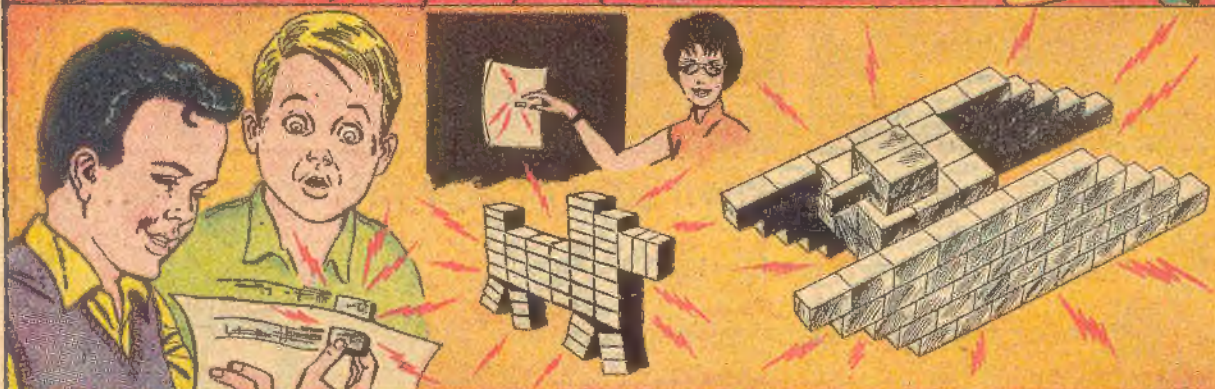
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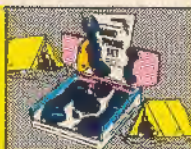




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